sumption and production of finished steel in the country during the last 4 years was as under:

(Qty. in Million Tonnes)

| Year | Apparent consumption | Production |
|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 | 15.00 | 15.20 |
| 1993-94 | 15.32 | 15.20 |
| 1994-95 | 18.66 | 17.82 |
| 1995-96 | 21.65 | 21.40 |

(c) Export of steel and its destination depend on several factors such as domestic and international demand, domestic prices, steel prices in importing countries etc. These factors are usually dynamic and change frequently. Countries to which steel is exported from India include China, Japan, USA, Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Australia and Germany.

**Export of free sale sugar during 1995-96**

2210. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to allow the export of free sale sugar during 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) its impact on the price of sugar in the country?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (c) In view of the surplus availability of sugar, Government, during the financial year 1995-96, had notified a quantity of 6.50 lakh tonnes of sugar out of freesale portion for commercial exports, through M/s. Indian Sugar and General Industry Export Import Corporation Ltd., under the provisions of Sugar Export Promotion Act, 1958. Since export of sugar was undertaken out of surplus sugar available in the country, it has not had any appreciable impact on the price of sugar in the country. Further, sugar prices in the open market are regulated through the mechanism of monthly releases of sugar.

**Disbursal of financial assistance by KVIC**

2211. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any formula for disbursal of financial assistance by KVIC for different States;

(b) if so, the details of the formula; and

(c) the funds spent State-wise in 1994-95 and 1995-96 giving detailed information on Andhra Pradesh?.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Lockout in M/s. Mafatlal Engineering Industry**

2212. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the plan of M/s. Mafatlal Engineering Industries Ltd. at Kalwe, Thane, Maharashtra which is under lockout since May, 1989;

(b) whether Government have taken any action to re-open or revive the said unit;

(c) whether any proposal has been put forward by the employees of the said unit to run it as a co-operative organisation;

(d) what are the impediments being faced in re-opening the said Unit as on date;

(e) whether the management of the said unit moved any petition before any authority to declare it as a sick unit; and

(f) if so, the response from the said authority?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Allocation of Kerosene under PDS**

2213. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PAR-MAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted by Government in allocation of kerosene/sugar/wheat/ rice/edible oil quota to the State/Union Territories for distribution under PDS;

(b) the details of allocation of monthly quota of above items to each State and Union Territory;

(c) the average allocation of the above items per individual in the country;

(d) whether there is any difference between such allocation from State to State;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Gujarat is not getting suffi cient quantity of these items according to their population;

(g) whether Government propose to allocate these items population-wise;

(h) if so, by when Government propose to implement such a scheme; and

(i) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) The allotment of foodgrains is made by the Central Government to States/UTs based on the stocks in the Central pool, demands of States/UTs, their relative needs, off-take trend, seasonal availability etc. Levy sugar is allocated generally at the rate of 425 gms. per capita per month as per population as on 1-1-1991. Kerosene is allocated on historical basis and additional allocations are being made over the previous years based on the need to bring States having per capita allocation less than the national level, upto the national level. Edible oil is allocated based on the availability of imported stocks and demand receipts from the States/UTs.

(b) The State-wise montly allocation of Public Distribution System items to States/UTs during 1995 is given in Annexure *(See Appendix 178, Annexure No. 49)*

(c) to (i) As per the criteria enumerated above the allocation to the States/ UTs. would vary depending upon the population, local availability, seasonal factors, production in the States/UTs. and other relevant factors. The allocation of PDS commodities are supplemental in nature and are not intended to meet the entire requirements of any States/UTs. including Gujarat. There is no proposal to allocate all these items population-wise except in the case of sugar as mentioned above.

**विभिन्न मंत्रालयों में अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिए प्रकोष्ठ**

2214. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
**श्री एस॰एस॰ सुरजेवालाः**

**क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:**

**(क) किन-किन मंत्रालयों में अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिए प्रकोष्ठ स्थापित किए गए हैं;**

**(ख) सभी मंत्रालयों/विभागों द्वारा इन प्रकोष्ठों को कब तक स्थापित कर लिया जाएगा; और**

**(ग) इन प्रकोष्ठों द्वारा किए गए कार्य की अद्यतन प्रगति क्या है?**

**कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बलवंत सिंह रामूवालिया): (क) उन मंत्रालयों/विभागों के नामों को बताने वाला विवरण संलग्न है, जिन्होंने अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिए सैलों की स्थापना की है। (नीचे देखिए) अनुसूचित जातियों के लिए इसी प्रकार सैलों के संबंध में सूचना भारत सरकार के मंत्रालयों/विभागों से एकत्र की जा रही है तथा उसे सभा पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा।**